

**Asheville Buncombe Homeless Coalition**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 4, 2009**

**Welcome and Introductions:** Members introduced themselves. Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee participated

**Review and approval of Minutes:** A copy of the minutes was sent out through email to members. Minutes were passed.

**The Asheville Housing Authority** hosted meeting. David Nash presented information to coalition about the Housing Authority that included the following:

- 1500 Housing units are provided
- Preference is offered to survivors of domestic violence
- The board approved a 50k budget for a peer counseling position to be offered to a formerly homeless individual. Interviewing applicants target is for September.
- Housing Choice program is currently full.
- There is funding available to assist current voucher holders with security deposit.

**Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Grant (HPRP)** Angela Pittman presented power point about grant and proposed model in application.

- 18 million available for 100 NC counties for a three year period
- Buncombe county agencies have met and identified five lead agencies called contract agencies and partner agencies that would act as referrers. The five contact agencies are OnTrack, ABCCM, Pisgah Legal, Eblen/Kimmel and 211.
- One million will be requested in grant application. 600k ear marked to provide financial assistance eg. Rental, utility. 380k case management eg. Locating housing and providing supportive follow up services. 20k Data collection
- Target funding start date is October.
- The members voted in support of the plan and application moving forward 15 in favor, 0 apposed.

**Agency Updates:**

1. Moss Bliss indicated that the Asheville Homeless Network is partnering with Anything Green Online (AGO) to address the hunger problem in

Asheville. The plan is to sell produce with a portion of the produce going to local food banks. For more information contact

[www.anythinggreenonline.com](http://www.anythinggreenonline.com) or [www.ashevillehomeless.com](http://www.ashevillehomeless.com)

2. Amy Sawyer identified the upcoming Project Connect to be held at the First Baptist Church on September 11 from 8-2:00 and Stand Down for homeless veterans being held at the Stephens Lee Recreational Center September 11 from 9-Noon. Food, clothing and other social services will be offered at both outreach events.
3. Amy distributed handouts about the North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness membership application. Their website is [www.ncceh.org](http://www.ncceh.org)
4. Lance Edwards identified the Homeless Initiative Advisory Committees roles that include providing data from HMIS, HPRP process and recommendation, 10 Year plan feedback to the City Council. Meetings are open to the public.

**Next meeting:** September 1 @ 12:30 to be held at United Way 50 South French Broad Street.